

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Electricity Market Design and Structure

Docket No. RM01-12-000

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MidAmerican Energy Company
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NOTICE OF TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

(February 14, 2002)

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued on February 5, 2002, Commission staff will hold a technical conference on February 19, 2002, to discuss the allocation of regional transmission organization (RTO) characteristics and functions between separate organizations within an RTO region.¹ Participants also may address the allocation of

¹ The RTO characteristics are: (1) independence; (2) scope and regional configuration; (3) operational authority; and (4) short-term reliability. RTO functions include: (1) tariff administration and design; (2) congestion management; (3) parallel path flow; (4) ancillary services; (5) OASIS, total transmission capacity and available

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responsibility for performing other wholesale market functions. This notice provides further organizational details and the conference agenda.

The conference will start at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn at about 4:45 p.m. It is scheduled to take place at the Commission's offices, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in the Commission Meeting Room on the second floor. The agenda is appended to this notice as Attachment A.

The conference is open for the public to attend, and registration is not required. Members of the Commission may attend the conference and participate in the discussions. We ask participants to focus on the following four questions:

- 1) If the functions and characteristics specified in Order No. 2000 are shared or coordinated among separate organizations within an RTO, how would you suggest that these functions be apportioned? Please use the matrix appended to this notice as Attachment B as a guide.
- 2) From the perspective of either engineering or economic efficiency, is it more appropriate to have certain functions administered over as large a region as possible? Conversely, are there certain functions which can be effectively administered at a sub-regional level?
- 3) As we try to evaluate how functions might be apportioned, is it useful to distinguish between functions that relate solely to operating and administering the transmission grid and functions that relate more to operation and oversight of markets for trading wholesale power and energy?
- 4) Is the business model or incentive structure proposed for an organization relevant to the question of which functions it should undertake?

Any interested party may file comments in Docket No. RM01-12-000 that address the issues above or follow up on the conference discussions. It is not necessary to re-file

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transmission capacity; (6) market monitoring; (7) planning and expansion; and (8) interregional coordination. See Regional Transmission Organizations, Order No. 2000, FERC Stats. and Regs. 31,089 (1999), order on reh'g, Order No. 2000-A, FERC Stats. And Regs. 31,092 (2000), aff'd, Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County, Washington v. FERC, 272 F.3d 607 (D.C. Cir. 2001). See also Order Providing Guidance on Continued Processing of RTO Filings, 97 FERC ¶ 61,146 at 61,633 (2001).

comments or file summaries of comments already filed with the Commission. Commenters are asked to specifically identify the region or regions, if any, that their comments address, and to cross-file their comments in any appropriate RT dockets. Comments must be filed no later than March 12, 2002.

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Those interested in obtaining transcripts of the conference need to contact Ace Federal Reporters at (202) 347-3700 or (800) 336-6646. Anyone interested in purchasing videotapes of the meeting should call VISCOM at (703) 715-7999.

Other questions about the conference program should be directed to:

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